# JFK, King killings get new probe in House

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The House voted yesterday to launch new investigations into the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

It adopted, 280 to 65, a resolution to set up a special investigating committee. Sponsors said information never sifted thoroughly points to a conspiracy in the Kennedy case and to the possible involvement of more than one person in the King shooting.

Rep. Thomas N. Downing, D-Va., told the House, "In the case of President Kennedy I am convinced there was a conspiracy involved. I do not know the identity of the conspirators or their motives. That should be investigated in depth."

Earler, Speaker Carl Albert said he was designating Downing as chairman of the 12-member select committee and Rep. Henry B. Gonzales, D-Tex., as next-ranking Democrat. Both have long been active in efforts to reopen the assassination cases.

Downing is retiring at the end of this year, and Gonzalez would presumably succeed him as chairman if, as is expected, the inquiry is renewed in the new Congress. Downing said a staff will be gathered and preliminary inquiries made the rest of this year.

Del. Walter Fauntroy of the District of Columbia said "new information justifies this investigation" of the King death.

"The shameful conduct of the FBI with respect to Martin Luther King is enough to convince us of the need for additional investigation," he said. "The King assassination has never been investigated thoroughly."

There was little opposition expressed in debate on the resolution, but Rep. B.F. Sisk, D-Calif., argued it could accomplish little.

"For God's sake, if you have any respect for the dollars of tax-

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